

Dear FCC,

I understand that you are contemplating removing the prohibition which prevents the same company to own both a newspaper and a television station in the same geographical area. I cannot understand why you would do this! How can the public possibly benefit from fewer and fewer owners of the public media?

The companies who own stations already have the power to edit the news and their presentations to serve their own interests. Why make this even easier by eliminating other companies which compete with them?

I also understand that you are contemplating removing the restriction of a certain percentage of the national viewing audience for a station. This will also promote concentration and lack of diversity in broadcasting.

I hope that you will keep both these restrictions upon broadcast companies in effect. Do not allow them to own TV and newspapers in the same area. Do not allow them to broadcast to more than their allotted percentage of the nation's viewers.

Thank you.

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